

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

The Town received a request for approval of a large gathering permit for Mexican Independence Culture Day at Pepe's Restaurant. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The Town received a request for approval of a large gathering permit for Fundraiser for the FOP #168 Scholarship fund at Catch 22. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. Some discussion followed regarding the parking lot. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

A request was received for Cognito Brewery requesting to waive fee for a third BZA application cost. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated September 11, 2018. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2018. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk made a motion to authorize Richard Hardaway as Town Council President to sign all related documentation necessary for processing of the Centier Bank loan. The loan is for the purchase of five trucks and a tractor mower for Public Works Department. The loan will be for the purchase amount of \$871,235.40. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to install a three way stop sign at 93rd Ave and Sullivan Lane in the Grassfield Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spann. Some discussion followed regarding the location. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac provided an update regarding safety at the parks and expressed appreciation for the presence of the Police patrolling the area. Mrs. Uzelac thanked Mr. Spires for having a light repaired and tree trimmed near her residence.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca referred to Jan Orlich for report. Ms. Orlich said the new name for Hendricks Park is Adam Benjamin Park. Ms. Orlich said the playground equipment is installed and provided an update on the progress for the remainder of project. Ms. Orlich discussed the details of the approved Sign Project that is for the E&L Trail signs, Welcome Signs, and mile marker signs all to be matching.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Barron had no report.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 18-19:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, creating a budget line item within the EMA General Fund budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 18-20:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within 2018 Local Road and Street Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for the year 2018 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 18-18:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2018 not included in the current budget. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 18-22:

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of proposals to lease a portion of certain town retention pond, and all matters related thereto. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Pettit inquired about the Community Crossing Grant Program. Mr. Spires provided an update related to what projects will be submitted. Some discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executives Session, September 11, 2018, following Town Council meeting.

Plan Commission meeting, September 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Resource Committee meeting, September 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Town Council Executive session, September 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Redevelopment Commission meeting, September 25, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.

Town Council meeting, September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer